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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AUGUST 7 - LUANDA

1. A PORTUGUESE ARMY CAPTAIN TOLD ME THAT FORTY WHITES
SIDED WITH THE FNLA DURING THE FIGHTING IN MALANGE. MPLA
THEN BEGAN KILLING WHITES INDISCRIMINATELY AND THE CAPTAIN
SAID BETWEEN 80 AND 300 ARE STILL LYING DEAD ON THE STREETS.

2. UNPTA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI CLAIMED THAT ON AUGUST 4
ON TAKEOFF FROM SILVA PORTO HIS PLANE WAS SHOT AT. THE
INCIDENT SET OFF ATTACKS BY UNPA TROOPS, HELPED BY FNLA,
AGAINST THE MPLA. BY AUGUST 6, SAID SAVIMBI, THE MPLA HAD BEEN
DEFEATED, BUT THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT COMPLETELY UNDER
CONTROL. HE ASKED EVERYONE TO STAY PUT, INCLUDING THE REFUGEES
FROM MALANGE BECAUSE, HE SAID, UNITA WAS ON THE WAY TO CONTROLLING
THE SITUATION.

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3. A PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL TOLD ME AUGUST 6 THAT THE

FIGHTING IN CABINDA ON AUGUST 5 STEMMED FROM AN FNLA ATTEMPT TO SECURE CONTROL OVER THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DISTRICT. THE FNLA LAUNCHED ITS ATTACK FROM A FORMER PORTUGUESE ARMY GARRISON IN CABINDA. MPLA FORCES DROVE THEM BACK ACROSS THE BORDER INTO ZAIRE.

4. THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE GENERAL WILL CLOSE AUGUST 8 AND ONLY ONE OFFICER WILL REMAIN BEHIND. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD ITS CITIZENS HERE THAT IF THEY REMAIN THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. ONLY ABOUT TWELVE SOUTH AFRICANS REMAIN IN ANGOLA. THE RHODESIAN TRADE MISSION IS ALSO CLOSING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

5. A CUSTOMS STRIKE THAT BEGAN A FEW DAYS AGO TO PROTEST THE COMMANDO REPRISALS AGAINST THE MPLA ATHCILA ALICE HAS NOW SWITCHED ITS GRIEVANCE TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A CUSTOMS OFFICIAL FROM FNLA-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN THE NORTH.

6. IN THE WAKE OF THE UNITA ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN CABINET MEETINGS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, THE FNLA AMNOUNCED FORMALLY ITS DECISION TO BOYCOTT THE MEETINGS. AS THE FNLA HAD NOT, IN ANY EVENT, BEEN ATTENDING THERE WILL BE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT OTHER THAN WITH UNITA ABSENT A QUORUM WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE.!

7. THE SHOOTING INCIDENT IN LUANDA THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 3 THAT WE REPORTED IN OUR 1054 TURNS OUT, I AM TOLD BY A PORTUGUESE ARMY SOURCE TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY PORTUGUESE ARMY SOLDIERS IN THE STVKWDE# FOR MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES. THEY WALKED OUT, GOT HOLD OF WEAPONS, ROAMED ABOUT SHOOTING WILDLY, WHEN CHASED BY ARMY PATROLS AND THEN WENT BACK TO THE STOCKADE BEFORE ANYONE COULD CATCH THEM.

8. ON AUGUST 6 THE CURFEW WAS MOVED FROM 2100 HOURS TO MIDNIGHT.

9. ON AUGUST 5 THE ABC TELEVISION CREW WAS PICKED UP BY A MILITARY PATROL WHEN IT EMERGED FROM A NIGHTCLUB AT 2130 HOURS, TAKEN TO A GARRISON WND ELD FOR THREE HOURS.

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10. THE 800 VEHICLE CONVOY OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY AND WHITES FROM CARMONA ARRIVED IN LUANDA WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT AFTER ALMOST THREE DAYS ON THE ROAD. THE CARAVAN WAS OVER 10 MILES LONG AND AT THE END OF THE JOURNEY ITS MEMBERS FOUND A CBS TELEVISION CREW READY TO RECORD THEIR EMOTIONS. IN FACT, THE TRIP WAS A TRYING ONE AND SERVED TO HIGHLIGHT THE MOUNTING TRAGEDY HERE. KILLORAN

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